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COUNTRY East Germany

Soviet Troop Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 20 October to 1 November 1952

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REMARKS

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1. The following troop trains

between 22 October and 1 November 1952:

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| Date       | Composition of Troop Trains                     | From                      | To  |
|------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| 22 October | 10 boxcars and 30 flatcars                      | Dessau/Rosslau            | Magdeburg-Brueckefeld   |
| 23 "       | 27 boxcars and 23 flatcars                      | Rathenow                  | Altengrabow   |
| 24 "       | 38 boxcars, 9 flatcars and 17 SSY-type flatcars | "                         | "   |
| 25 "       | 38 cars   | Magdeburg-Brueckefeld     | Gardelegen (4 cars); Stendal (4 cars); Schwerin (14 cars); Ludwigs-lust (16 cars) |
| 26 "       | 2 boxcars and 52 flatcars                       | Templin                   | Stendal-Ost   |
| 27 "       | undetermined                                    | Cottbus railroad district | Magdeburg-Brueckefeld   |
| 28 "       | 5 converted boxcars and 23 flatcars             | Altenburg                 | Altengrabow   |
| 29 "       | 21 cars   | Magdeburg-Brueckefeld     | Schwerin (9); Ludwigs-lust (8); Gardelegen (4)                                    |

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29 October      undetermined      Cottbus  
railroad  
district      Magdeburg  
Brueckfeld

30 "      28 cars      Magdeburg-  
Brueckfeld      Quedlinburg (4)  
Schwerin (11)  
Ludwigslust (9)  
Stendal (4)

1 November      6 converted boxcars,      Altenburg  
1 boxcar and  
30 flatcars

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2. Shipments of VPs dispatched to the Cottbus railroad district [redacted]  
[redacted] on 26 October included: 4 cars from Halberstadt, [redacted]  
[redacted] 4 cars from Stendal, [redacted] and an undetermined number  
of cars from the Schwerin railroad district, [redacted]

3. The following shuttle-trains with soldiers were listed in railroad records between  
20 and 25 October:

Shuttle-train [redacted] The train arrived at Weimar on 20 October and was distri-  
buted as follows: 8 cars to Naumburg; 5 cars to Halle; 5 cars to Jena; and 8  
cars to Ohrdruf. On 23 October, the train left Weimar with discharges. [redacted]

Shuttle-train [redacted] The train arrived at Weimar coming from Guben on 25 October  
and was distributed as follows: 6 converted boxcars to Naumburg; 4 converted  
boxcars to Halle; and 7 converted boxcars to Ohrdruf.

Shuttle-train [redacted] The train left Weimar with discharges on 20 October.

Shuttle-train [redacted] The train arrived at Weimar on 23 October and was  
distributed as follows: 8 converted boxcars to Naumburg; 5 converted boxcars  
to Halle; 5 converted boxcars to Jena; and 7 converted boxcars to Ohrdruf.  
On 25 October, the train left Weimar with soldiers.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Another source stated that elements of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of  
the GOC were unloaded at Magdeburg and marched to the Seeckt Kaserne on 21  
October 1952. [redacted] The troop train [redacted]  
[redacted] possibly carried the above elements, or source observed another ship-  
ment of the same regiment.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Compare with identical reports by other sources. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The shuttle-trains [redacted] transported recruits to the posts of  
the Third Shock Army. It is noteworthy that Quedlinburg was also mentioned  
as a new post of this army. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. Shuttle-train [redacted] was reported first on 27 October 1952; the  
train was observed last with discharges en route from Jueterbog to Guben.  
[redacted] Shuttle-train [redacted] was also reported first leaving  
Weimar with discharges on 23 October 1952. All other shuttle-trains were  
previously reported; some have been repeatedly observed.

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5. [redacted] Comment. A component of the 38th (?) Army AT Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds  
Army was loaded at Altenburg on 27 October 1952. [redacted]  
The train movements mentioned in the present report clearly indicate that the  
above unit held firing practices at the Altengrabow troop training ground  
between 28 October and 1 November 1952.

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6. [redacted] Comment. These cars probably carried small groups of VP who possibly  
came from the regular police and border police to be assigned to the KVP  
according to Government Decree No 14/52.

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